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ACTION SUMMARY MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS SACRAMENTO METROPOLITAN FIRE DISTRICT

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Held at the following locations:

10545 Armstrong Avenue – Board Room
Mather, California
&
Remotely Via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by President Saylor. Board members present in person: Clark, Jones, Orzalli, Saylor, and White. Board members present virtually via Zoom: Gould, Kelly, and Sheetz. Board members absent: Wood. Staff present: Chief Harms, General Counsel Lavra, and Board Clerk Penilla.

Director Wood arrived at 6:03 pm during the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

CONSENT ITEMS

Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt the consent calendar as follows:

1. **Action Summary Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the Action Summary Minutes for the Regular Board meeting of March 24, 2022.

Action: Approved the Action Summary Minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Ratification of Resolution to Extend Teleconference of Board Meetings (Government Code 54953(e) (3)) (President Saylor)**

Recommendation: Consider adopting a Resolution which would extend the ability to teleconference without compliance of Government Code paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) of section 54953 from April 14, 2022 – May 13, 2022 or until further re-ratified.

Action: On a motion by White, seconded by Clark, and carried unanimously by the members present adopt Resolution No. 2022-031.

2. **Dissolution Agreement for the California Fire and Rescue Training Authority (CFRTA) (Chief Harms and General Counsel Lavra)**

Recommendation: Approve the dissolution agreement, and authorize the Fire Chief to execute the agreement.

Discussion: General Counsel Lavra clarified the authorization is for the Fire Chief to execute the agreement. He also went into details about the dissolution, and which agency is responsible once the dissolution takes place.

Action: On a motion by White, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by the members present to approve the agreement, and authorize Chief Harms execute the agreement.

3. **Industrial Disability Retirement – Joseph M. Reyes**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Firefighter Reyes has suffered job related injuries and is eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: On a motion by Clark, seconded by Jones, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2022-032.

4. **Industrial Disability Retirement – Roy E. Rud**
Recommendation: After discussion in Closed Session, consider adopting a Resolution finding Firefighter Rud has not suffered job related injuries and is not eligible for an Industrial Disability Retirement.
Action: On a motion by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to adopt Resolution No. 2022-033.

REPORTS

1. **PRESIDENT’S REPORT**—(*President Saylor*) No report.

2. **FIRE CHIEF’S REPORT**—(*Chief Harms*)

Retirement

Congratulations to Captain Greg Markel on his retirement on April 1st after 28 years of service. He was most recently assigned to the EMS Division, and had a great impact there.

Congratulations to Business Applications Analyst on her retirement on April 5th after 23 years of service. She has been very helpful in providing historical knowledge of the CFRTA, and we wish her the best!

Recruitment

Fire Marshal Final Filing Date - Friday, April 15th

SRP Paramedic and SRP EMT Final Filing Date April 29th

Business Applications Analyst Final Filing Date April 25th

Updates

Chief Harms filmed the 9th Chief and Deputy Chief’s video message. This included an update from Operations, an overview of recent fires and how the Command Philosophy is applied in those situations, and an update on the Zinfandel Training Facility project.

We have been preparing for the Zinfandel Media Event tomorrow morning at 9:00 AM with Assemblymember Cooley. Additionally, there have been various meetings over the last two weeks, and continued weekly meetings on this project.

Meetings

3/28, Citrus Heights 2x2 with Director Orzalli and Director Goold

3/30, Visit to Del Campo Fire Tech Program with retiree Scott Schneider. Spent the morning with students talking about their future in the fire service. Retiree Schneider has done a wonderful job with this program and donated much of his time.

FY 2022-23 Preliminary Budget meetings held with various Division Managers. The Preliminary Budget will be presented to the committee in May.

4/11, Executive Staff prepared breakfast for members of SRFECC in celebration of National Public Safety Telecommunications Week. Each of the member agencies were assigned a shift to prepare breakfast to show appreciation of the hard work and dedication of the Center's staff.

OPERATIONS' REPORT

Assistant Chief Law provided the Operations report since the last Board Report on March 24th. Metro Fire responded to 5,799 total incidents which is up a little bit since the last report, with an average of 276 calls per day. There were 4,059 (70%) EMS related calls, and 208 were fire incidents (3.6%) which is an average of 9.9 calls per day and an increase from the last report.

Two notable incidents this week, the first was last night in Battalion 13's area on C-shift. A residential structure fire in Orangevale with a victim rescued from the bedroom. The victim was transported emergently for treatment, admitted to the ICU, and after a report from the hospital this afternoon is expected to make a full recovery. Rapid fire attack held the fire to one alarm, and confined to the bedroom.

The second incident was on Monday afternoon in Battalion 5 on B-shift. A 3-alarm commercial structure fire on Auburn Boulevard called for 17 engines, 6 trucks, 6 Chiefs, EMS24, and Training Captains. This was a vacant strip mall that was very challenging, complicated by high wind conditions and an early roof collapse. This required crews to switch to a defensive mode of operations, and for Sacramento Suburban Water to boost water pressure to support fire for aerial master streams and ground monitor. With assistance from our partners at Sacramento Fire Department the fire was brought under control in 2.25 hours. CERT and the Reserves with Air 112 responded to support REHAB, and a fuel truck was ordered to resupply apparatus that ran low. AC Law reported that no firefighters or civilians were injured, and both fires are currently under investigation by Metro's Arson unit.

The Training Division is finishing up week seven of Academy 22-1 with 41 recruits. They completed Module 1 testing last week & are currently working on firefighter survival training, also known as self-rescue.

The EMS Division has been very busy. Medic 62 C-shift was recognized by UC Davis for their exemplary care of a STEMI, or heart, patient on March 31st. They provided early alert to the hospital which allowed for a 34 minute door to intervention time with angioplasty to clear a thrombotic occlusion. Our 90 new cardiac monitor/defibrillators have been deployed in the field. Thanks to Captain Joe Schmitt and now retired Captain Greg Markel for their work on this project. Lastly, we successfully implemented a new electronic narcotic tracking module in OperativeIQ which will improve efficiencies for tracking controlled substances. Thanks to Captain Scott Shield who attended training and configured the module for us.

As for Special Operations, CERT completed an entry level class on April 9th with seven new members. CERT was available to assist during the wind event on April 9th, but was not needed. Lastly, three of our Dozer Operators traveled to Camp Pendleton with our two dozers and each member completed approximately one hour of training in a variety of terrains.

3. SMFD – FIREFIGHTERS LOCAL 522 REPORT

Vice President Matt Cole congratulated Captain Markel and Sherri Martucci on their retirement. He has been working to reconnect with the membership, and thanked Director Orzalli and Director Sheetz for spending time with crews. VP Cole recently had another Mocha Monday, this time at Fleet, they have been focusing discussions on mental health, and encouraging members to take advantage of EAP, Fire Strong, and use the tools available. Lastly, VP Cole is looking to the summer to still be in the healing process regarding staffing, we are working toward creative work schedules and participating in the service delivery committee.

4. COMMITTEE AND DELEGATE REPORTS

All Committee Meetings will be held at the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District Board Room, 10545 Armstrong Avenue, Mather, California unless otherwise specified.

A. Executive Committee – (President Saylor)

Report Out: April 14, 2022 at 5:00 PM

The Executive Committee met earlier, with no action taken, and will make plans to meet again on May 12th.

Next Meeting: TBD

B. Communications Center JPA – (DC Bailey)

Report Out: Special Meeting, March 31, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Regular Meeting, April 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM (Cancelled)

Next Meeting: May 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM

C. California Fire & Rescue Training JPA – (Fire Chief Harms)

Next Meeting: April 20, 2022 at 9:00 AM

Location: 3121 Gold Canal Drive
Mather, CA 95670

D. Finance and Audit Committee – (Director Orzalli)

Next Meeting: TBD

E. Policy Committee – (Director Gould)

Next Meeting: May 12, 2022 at 5:30 PM

BOARD MEMBER QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Director Jones congratulated the retirees and wishes them the best of luck on this new chapter. She attended the preliminary budget meetings and was happy to see good interaction between civilian and sworn personnel. She is looking forward to the media event at the Zinfandel Training Site tomorrow.

Director Kelly was part of the governing board of the CFRTA for many years, and is sad to see the JPA dissolve. He thanked AC Law for a thorough Operations Report, and wished everyone a happy Easter.

Director Sheetz echoed congratulations to the retirees, she also complimented the exceptional care the STEMI patient received as 34 minutes is incredible! She wished everyone a happy Easter and thanked all the crews.

Director Wood thanked AC Law for her report, and congratulated the medics for the recognition by UC Davis, and shared his sentiments about the responding crews for the Orangevale fire and hopes they receive recognition for a job well done!

Director Orzalli recently visited a fire station and was very appreciative of spending time with the crew, he thanked Local 522 for their efforts in coordinating.

Director Goold thanked AC Law for her very engaging Operations report. He thanked leadership for making decisions that are keeping everyone safe.

Director White was very pleased to hear about the exceptional level of care given with the best possible outcome. He recently attended the FDA Conference in Napa and was very impressed with Firefighter Brady who represented Metro Fire very well. Lastly, he shared his feeling towards the JPA dissolution, and is happy for the many good years and many good things that came from this relationship.

Director Saylor congratulated the retirees, and thanked AC Law for the Operations report. She also shared her sentiments regarding the JPA, and is sad to see the only regional training authority with State participation dissolve.

The board recessed to closed session at 6:52 PM.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Conference with Labor Negotiator

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957.6

- A. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- B. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Battalion Chiefs Bargaining Group,
Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- C. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Administrative Support Personnel (ASP)
Affiliate of Sacramento Area Fire Fighters Local 522

- D. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Safety Senior Management, Management
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

- E. District Negotiator: Jack Hughes, Liebert Cassidy Whitmore
Employee Organization: Non-Safety Senior Management, Management
and Unrepresented Confidential Employees

Action: The Board took no reportable action.

2. **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (b): One (1) case**
Claim Against Public Entity Pursuant to Government Code Section 910
Kaila Kailonn v. Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Ty Bailey, Deputy Chief Administration
Action: Moved by Jones, seconded by Wood, and carried unanimously by members present to deny the claim and refer the matter to the District's insurance carrier.
3. **Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) – Two (2) matters of Industrial Disability Retirement.**
- A. Joseph M Reyes and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # SMDP – 549570 – Industrial Disability Retirement –
Ty Bailey, Deputy Chief Administration
Action: The Board took no reportable action.
- B. Roy E Rud and the Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District
Claim # 4A220101GBD - 0001 – Industrial Disability Retirement –
Ty Bailey, Deputy Chief Administration
Action: The Board took no reportable action.

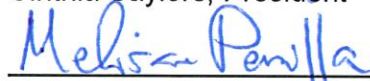
The board reconvened to open session at 7:52 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.



Cynthia Saylor, President



Melissa Penilla, Board Clerk



Walt White, Secretary